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Appointment of Professors in the Engineering College, Guindy.

*830 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government called for applications for Professorships in the Engineering College, Guindy; and, if so, for what posts;

(b) how many Indians applied for each of the said posts; and

(c) whether any of the said posts have since been filled up; and, if so, whether any Indian has been appointed?

A.—(a) Applications were called for in respect of the following posts:—

(1) Professor of Civil Engineering,
(2) Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and
(3) Professor of Electrical Engineering.

(b) 26, 14 and 15 respectively.

(c) Final orders have not yet issued.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know when applications were called for?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Applications were called for four or five months back."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know why there is so much delay in making the appointments?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Because Government have to consider the qualifications of the applicants."

Subjects taught in the manual training classes in the Training College, Rajahmundry.

*831 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the subjects that are taught in the manual training classes in the Training College, Rajahmundry; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the advisability of teaching soap manufacture there as one of the subjects?

A.—(a) Wood-work, mechanical drawing and aluminium work.

(b) The Government do not consider that soap manufacture is suitable for introduction as a form of manual training in schools.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Are any other industries taught?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No, Sir."

Organization of a cadre of specialists for the staffing of the Government Training College, Rajahmundry.

*832 Q.—Mr G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to my question No. 375 answered on 8th October 1928, regarding the organization of a cadre of specialists for the staffing of the Government Training College, Rajahmundry—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Syndicate of the Andhra University has granted affiliation to the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, on certain conditions one of which is that the

Director of Public Instruction should organize a cadre of specialists for the staffing of the college at a very early date; and

(b) if so, whether they will call for information from the Director of Public Instruction as to what his proposals are?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The present staff is competent and there is no necessity to organize a cadre of specialists.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether this decision of the Government has been communicated to the Syndicate of the Andhra University and, if so, when?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice."

Proposed amendment of the rules under the Elementary Education Act.

*833 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government propose to make an additional rule that no library books shall be purchased for the school unless they have been approved by the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools concerned; and

(b) on whose advice do the Government propose to make such a rule?

A.—(a) The Government consider that they should have some control over the reading matter supplied to elementary schools receiving aid from public revenues, and that the inspecting officers are in the best position to advise local bodies and other managements of elementary schools as to what books will be most useful in those schools and how best the limited funds available can be utilized.

(b) On the advice of the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the Government consider the presidents of the local boards incompetent to recommend books for use in the libraries of elementary schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It is not a question of competency; we think that the District Educational Officer will be the better authority."

Distribution of boarding grants for Indian orphanages.

*834-A Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 1111 answered on 4th November 1927 regarding the distribution of the boarding grants for Indian orphanages whether the information referred to therein has been received and if so, what it is?

A.—Of the 5,072 children for whom boarding grants were given in 1926–27, 225 were Hindus, 188 Muhammadans and 4,659 Indian Christians.